## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 96-327-E - ORDER NO. 97-542

JUNE 25, 1997

IN RE: Residents of Red Hill Area of Lee County,

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ORDER

ON MOTIONS

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Complainants/Petitioners,

vs.

City of Camden and Black River Electric Cooperative,

Defendants/Respondents.

This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on two Motions filed in this Docket.

First, Lesia M. Johnson has asked to join this action as one of the party petitioners, in that she states that she has similar problems to the other petitioners in her area. Second, the City of Camden has moved for a continuance in this matter.

We hereby agree that Ms. Johnson should be allowed to join in the Petition of the residents of Red Hill, since she is alleging similar circumstances. She shall herein be considered one of the co-petitioners. Second, the Motion for Continuance of the City of Camden is denied. The problems complained about on behalf of the petitioners apparently occur in the summertime. Therefore, delay in the hearing could deny potential relief to the petitioners in

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this case, should we issue a ruling in favor of the petitioners. In any event, a continuance is simply not appropriate at this time.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy

Executive Director

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